

Attachment 1

EI-18657



August 3, 2011

Melanie Perea
CSX Transportation
500 Water Street, J200
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Re: CSX Abandonment Hardin QTA 24.95 to QTA 25.16
STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 707X)
Kenton, Hardin County, Ohio

Dear Ms. Perea,

This is in response to correspondence from your office dated June 8, 2011 (received June 13) regarding the above referenced project. The comments of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) are submitted in accordance with provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 [36 CFR 800]).

The project involves abandonment of approximately 0.21 miles of railroad line. A check of our building inventory shows that there are older warehouse buildings located short distances west of the west end and east of the east end of the project (OHI # HAR-431-13, HAR-432-13, and HAR-439-13). Their location along a railroad is an important part of the setting for these buildings. We do not believe that the proposed project will substantially or noticeably change the settings for these buildings. We are not certain that the buildings are still standing. Based on available information, it is our opinion that there will be no historic properties affected by the proposed abandonment. Further coordination with this office is recommended if construction is proposed that has the potential to cause ground disturbance along the Ottawa River. In addition, if new or additional properties are discovered this office should be notified [36 CFR 800.13].

Any questions concerning this matter should be addressed to David Snyder at (614) 298-2000, between the hours of 8 am. to 5 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Resource Protection and Review

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